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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

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1. ON FEBRUARY 1 EMBASSY OBTAINED FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON POINTS
RAISED IN REFTEL FROM BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY (SURQUIN).

2. SURQUIN REPORTED GOB INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE HAD
DISCUSSED WFC JANUARY 31 AND IT WAS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT
WITH ALL OF THE POINTS RAISED BY USG. IN VIEW OF BELGIANS,
THE TWO CRUCIAL ISSUES ON WHICH THE WFC SHOULD AND CAN MAKE
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CONCRETE PROPOSALS ARE (A) PEOPLE'S SUFFERING

FROM VIRTUALLY PERMANENT MALNUTRITION AND
(B) FOOD DISASTERS I.E. FAMINES.

3. GOB PLANS TO ACCREDIT AN OFFICER FROM ITS UN
DELEGATION TO THE PREPCOM SESSIONS BUT MAY SEND SOME-
ONE FROM BRUSSELS TO ATTEND THE THIRD PREPCOM MEETING
SINCE, IN GOB'S VIEW, THAT WILL BE THE KEY SESSION.

4. GOB UNDERSTANDS EC WISHES SEND OBSERVER TO PREPCOM
SINCE COMMISSION SUSPECTS CAP MAY COME UNDER FIRE IN
EITHER PREPCOM OR AT CONFERENCE. AN EC AD HOC
COMMITTEE WILL MEET FEBRUARY 5 TO DISCUSS MAKING
FORMAL REQUEST FOR EC OBSERVER STATUS AND, AT SAME
TIME, WILL START COORDINATING POSITIONS OF THE NINE FOR
THE PREPCOM.

5. OTHER POINTS MENTIONED AS IMPORTANT BY SURQUIN
INCLUDED (A) EFFECT OF PETROLEUM PRICE INCREASES
ON FUTURE LDC PURCHASES OF FOOD AND/OR FERTILIZERS,
(B) RELATIONSHIP OF STOCKPLING QUESTION
(ITEM B, PARA 10 OF REFTTEL) TO CURRENT FAO COMMITTEE
STUDIES AND (C) SPECIAL EMPHASIS BELGIUM WILL PLACE
ON THAT PART OF ITEM 3 (A) OF AGENDA WHICH SEEKS TO
INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
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